

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently amended) A medical device for the use in diagnosis and/or treatment of cardiovascular disease in the human body comprising:

a catheter having a proximal catheter end and a distal catheter end and defining a lumen extending from the distal catheter end towards the proximal catheter end, the catheter adapted for use in diagnosis and/or treatment of cardiovascular disease in the human body;

an expandable and contractible, vessel-occluding element positionable near the distal catheter end;

the expandable and contractible, vessel-occluding element comprising a braided element and a membrane contacting the braided element so that the braided element becomes substantially impermeable; and

the expandable and contractible element having a funnel-shaped surface, when in an expanded state, and having a longitudinally-extending opening to permit material to pass therethrough for receipt of material.

23. (Previously presented) The medical device according to claim 22 further comprising a second expandable and contractible element positionable at and extendable from the catheter distal end.

24. (Previously presented) The medical device according to claim 23 wherein the second expandable and contractible element comprises a balloon.

25-74. (Canceled)